

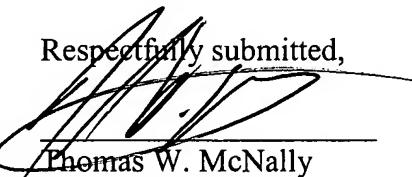
## REMARKS

By the Office Action dated June 25, 2004, claims 12-18, the specification, and drawings are objected to for the reasons stated on pages 2-5 of the Office Action.

By the present amendment, the claims and the specification have been amended as essentially recommended by the Examiner. Therefore, the amendment to the claims and the specification overcome Examiner's objections stated on pages 2-5 of the Office Action, and withdrawal of the specification and claim objections is respectfully requested.

In addition, a set of formal drawings containing four (4) replacement sheets is annexed hereto. More specifically, Figs. 1, 2A, 2B, and 3 have been amended by adding the legend "Prior Art. Fig. 1 has also been amended to include the descriptive language that corresponds to each element shown in Fig. 1. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment to the drawings overcomes Examiner's objections to the drawings, and withdrawal of the drawing objections is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's indication that the application is in condition for allowance (except for the above formal matters) is gratefully acknowledged. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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